

## ABSTRACT

**DISTRIBUTED DIGITAL TELEVISION SYSTEM  
AND RELATED METHOD**

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The invention provided for a distributed digital television system (52) comprising a plurality of discrete television sets (54, 56, 58) and means for decoding digital television signals for display at the television sets (54, 56, 58) wherein the said means for decoding comprises a respective plurality of distributed signal decoding arrangements (62, 66, 72) and further includes means (78, 86) for transferring decoding authorization data over a network (86) linking the said plurality of television sets (54, 56, 58) in the system and from a digital decoding arrangement (62, 66, 72) associated with one television set (54, 56, 58) to a digital decoding arrangement (62, 66, 72) associated with another television set (54, 56, 58).

[Figure 3]